ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

Delete meeting fees for the Chair when meeting with staff

Executive Summary

Some years ago the above language was enacted to provide a meeting fee for the County Board Chair to meet with staff. As the County Board Chair does not have direct line of authority with regard to staff, and is already provided a salary, this amendment eliminates the financial incentive to go outside the chain of command. In the past 10 years about \$30,000 has been paid to Board Chairs for meeting with staff, with a high of \$6,272 in 2008 and a low of \$55 in 2012.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.02(6) of the Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order is amended as follows:

(6) The County Board Chairperson is authorized and directed to attend meetings and conferences on matters directly related to county government. The County Board Chairperson may direct the Vice Chairperson or some other member of the County Board to attend such meetings and conferences, either in place of the Chairperson or along with the Chairperson. The County Board Chairperson, the Vice Chairpersons and such other board members as may be designated by the Chairperson, shall be entitled to meeting fees or per diem and mileage for attending such meetings and conferences, all subject to the regular rules of the County Board pertaining to meeting fees, per diems, mileage and expenses as currently provided in Ordinance 2001-19, as most recently amended August 8, 2006. The County Board Chair shall be entitled to a meeting fee for meeting with staff or the County Administrator. Board members authorized by the Chairperson to attend meetings and conferences shall notify the County Administrator not less than 72 hours in advance of said meeting or conference in order to permit the County Administrator to give any necessary Open Meeting notices as may be required. No per diems, meeting fees or expenses shall be paid to board members attending meetings who have not been authorized as required in this paragraph. [am. 03/09/10, Ord. 2009-24]

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective after passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of May 2014.

	s/Jim Schroeder	
	Jim Schroeder	
	Chair	
ATTEST:		
s/Barbara A. Frank		
Barbara A. Frank, County Clerk		

Ayes_	_29	Noes_	0	Abstain	Absent	_1	Vacant			
				(Mode)						

NOTE: Section 3.09 of the County Board Rules provides that amendments to the rules shall be made by 2/3 vote. Proposed amendments shall be introduced at one session of the Board and laid over until the next session before action is taken. (Rules were suspended on May 13, 2014.)

Requested by O5-13-14 Administration & Rules Committee

Philip Ristow: 04-28-2014; 05-07-14